



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Serial No.:** 09/244,203  
**Filed:** February 4, 1999  
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**Examiner:** CALLAHAN, Paul E.  
**Art Unit:** 2137  
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**Notice of Allowance Date:** March 9, 2004  
**Atty's Docket No.:** T01215-0051-US (123081-339701)

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**LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

Dear Commissioner:

We enclose three (3) sheets of formal drawings in response to the Notice of Allowability (Form PTO-37) in connection with the above captioned application. The submission of these drawings is before the due date of June 9, 2004 for payment of the Issue Fee.

Kindly note that along with this transmittal of June 3, 2004 to Mail Stop Issue Fee, we have submitted the Issue Fee in response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 9, 2004. Also by way of this transmittal of June 3, 2004 to Mail Stop Issue Fee, an Amendment After Allowance is being filed contemporaneously with this package.

Further to a Customer Number Batch Update form dated and mailed April 7, 2004, which included a reference to the captioned application, the undersigned attorney confirms that the contact agent of record, Alfred Macchione, has relocated his practice to the firm of:

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Applicant has consented to having contact agent retain responsibility as agent of record. Undersigned attorney advises that in total the following agents of record are also now associated with the same customer number and have the authority to also act on behalf of the Applicant for the above matter:

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Undersigned attorney also advises that the attorney reference number has been changed to:

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Applicant requests that the USPTO update its records for this application accordingly.

Acknowledgement of the return receipt card included with our correspondence is requested. Should any Patent Office official wish to contact us with respect to the above, the telephone call should be directed to Robert H. Nakano at (416) 601-7852.

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Dear Commissioner:

Issue Fee Transmittal

Transmitted herewith are two (2) payment copies of the completed Transmittal Form PTOL-85B, which authorizes the Patent Office to charge the issue fee of US\$1,330.00 to deposit account no. 150633 of McCarthy Tétrault LLP.

Kindly note that by way of this transmittal of June 3, 2004 to Mail Stop Issue Fee, we are submitting formal drawings for the captioned application to the Official Draftsperson. Also by way of this transmittal of June 3, 2004 to Mail Stop Issue Fee, we are submitting an Amendment After Allowance.

In the event that an additional fee is required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 150633 of McCarthy Tétrault LLP.

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